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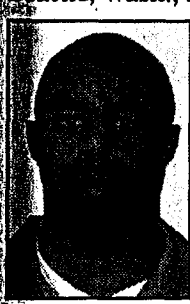
BY SAM TAYLOR AND CYNTHIA REYNAUD
NEWS EDITOR AND ARGONAUT STAFF

A slew of events took place in recent days regarding the ongoing trials and investigation surrounding the death of University of Idaho freshman Eric McMillan.

Trial dates were set for the six defendants charged with perjury after testifying at the grand jury in the case against brothers Matthew R. Wells, 27, and James J. Wells, 25, who are accused of shooting McMillan, a cornerback on the UI football team.

The following trial dates were set at a status conference held at the Latah County courthouse in Moscow Monday afternoon:

- May 16 for Angela Brown, 25, of Pullman
- May 18 for Mashere Harrison-Wells, 26, of Kircrest, Wash.
- June 20 for Anthony Lafar Wells, 38, of SeaTac, Wash., and Aaron B. Wells, 22, of Pullman
- June 27 for Emmanuel Ray Wells, 40, of Kircrest, Wash.
- June 29 for Matthew Raydon Wells Sr., 63, of Seattle, Wash., father of the Wells brothers



M. WELLS

All defendants were charged with perjury on Dec. 16 in connection with their testimony regarding the murder of McMillan.

The six individual attorneys of the defendants, along with prosecuting attorneys Bill Thompson and Michelle Evans, were in attendance at the hearing. All defendants, with the exception of Aaron Wells, were excused from court by the judge with the stipulation they would be available by phone.

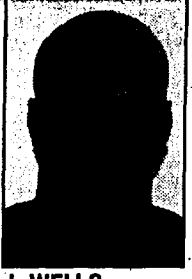
Judge John Stegner, who presided over the hearing, ruled trials would be held for each defendant over two-day periods beginning on May 16, disregarding Thompson's request for a week per trial.

"I'm not optimistic that these trials can be tried in two days," Thompson said.

The trials will begin at 9 a.m. They will all be held in Moscow, though the exact location has not been set.

All defense attorneys conceded to the state's request for use of grand jury transcripts in the trials.

Several of the prosecuting attorneys voiced concerns about not having the full grand jury discovery information, which is still being put together by the clerks. The judge said he would look into speeding up the process.



J. WELLS

In related events, Thomas J. Riggins, 23, who is accused of facilitating McMillan's murder, was denied a reduction in bail by Judge John Bradbury Friday.

Wearing an orange uniform and chain restraints around his ankles, Riggins sat next to his attorney, Greg Dickison, while Dickison argued the original bond of \$1 million was too high and asked for it to be reduced to \$85,000.

Dickison argued that Riggins was not a flight risk and that he would remain in Kent, Wash., where he lived prior to being arrested on charges of conspiring to murder McMillan, along with the Wells brothers.

"He really has no other place that he considers a temporary home," Dickison told Bradbury.

Dickison explained that if Riggins were to be let out on a lesser bond he had no objections to "reasonable restrictions," such as electronic or satellite monitoring.



T. RIGGINS

Thompson, however, argued the crime of first-degree murder was too serious for such a low bond and Bradbury agreed.

Bradbury cited Riggins' lack of ties to the Moscow area, or any property that he might lose as collateral if he were to flee, in his decision to let the bond remain at \$1 million.

Also on Friday, information was released in the death of McMillan. According to McMillan's autopsy report, he was shot twice Sept. 19 instead of once, as initially indicated by police.

Moscow Police Department Chief Dan Weaver said the information was never officially released.

"A little information is retained for investigative reasons as the investigation proceeds," he said. "At this point in time, it didn't serve any purpose to let this information out in public."

Dr. Morgan S. Wilson, the coroner, discovered the second bullet while performing the autopsy at the Pathologist's Regional Laboratory in Lewiston on Sept. 21.

The bullet entered on the left side of the head behind the ear, according to the autopsy report Wilson filed. It did not penetrate the skull, but caused "a small amount of subdural hemorrhage and bruising of the subjacent brain."

"Based on anatomic findings at autopsy and investigation information available at this time, it is my conclusion that Eric McMillan ... died as a result of gunshot wound to the chest," Wilson stated in his report.

"It (the shot to the head) was not a fatal wound," confirmed Latah County coroner Dan Schmidt.

Schmidt said he had not previously given out this information because he had never been asked.

The fatal wound came from the shot to the chest, Schmidt said.

The bullet to the chest was from a .40-caliber weapon. The other was from a .38-caliber weapon.

Police have not recovered either of the weapons.

McGann asks for fee increase

BY CAMERLY COX
ARGONAUT STAFF

Managers of the Kibbie Dome, like many other University of Idaho program and department officials, are asking for a student fee increase for renovations to fields outside the dome.

The increase of \$9 per student will help fund new Astroturf, which will be placed on the practice field east of the Kibbie Dome, said Kibbie Dome manager Tom McGann.

The reconstruction of the field is considered part of the ongoing implementation of the Long Range Campus Development Plan, McGann said.

Begun in the early 1990s to expand the university's inventory of play fields and to meet students' needs concerning intramural and open recreational play activities, the plan calls for conversion from the natural grass of the existing fields to synthetic infill turf and more lighting.

The plan originally included the renovation of four fields, done in two stages: two 80-foot fields east of the

dome to be finished in the first stage, followed by two fields south of the dome to be finished in the second stage. The current proposal includes only the first stage.

McGann said the cost of the renovation would be about \$1.5 million. He said about \$1.29 million would come from two current funds – a turf replacement fund and a sports field master implementation fund – and the remaining \$210,000 will come from the student fee increase.

This increase would be separate from the proposed \$5 increase already asked for by the UI Athletic Department, McGann said, because the departments are separate.

McGann said he is seeking the support of ASUI leadership and UI students for the proposed fee increase. At the Feb. 2 ASUI senate meeting, he asked senators to come to a decision as quickly as possible and give him a "thumbs up, or thumbs down."

McGann said he believes the proposal will be beneficial to students.

An information packet describing the renovation stated the addition of lighted, synthetic infill fields would

"drastically increase the ability of the university to make available resources and positively impact the experience of UI's varsity athletes, club athletes and students participating in recreational activities and in the classroom."

Ryan Burns and Aaron Hunter, seniors studying mechanical engineering, both said while they do not participate in intramural sports or varsity sports, they can see how installing field turf would be a good move for the administrators to make, because a \$9 increase per student would "not make that much of a difference."

UI sophomore Mai Benner, however, is against the increase, which she believes will only benefit the school's athletes.

"I feel that it is not the students' responsibility to pay for something that is going to benefit athletes and intramurals," Benner said.

McGann said the turf would provide added benefits that natural grass cannot.

"It would provide added safety for athletes due to the significantly reduced deterioration of the surfaces

under heavy use," McGann said.

He added that although the price tag appears large, the advantages of such a change would be economically beneficial to students and the university.

"UI spends \$60,000 a year on maintenance of sports fields," McGann said. "The maintenance of the fields if Astroturf were installed would be almost nil. It is recommended to sweep the turf once a week, using a sweeping machine which is pulled behind a tractor. We already have the tractor, and the sweeping machine has been included in the cost of the turf."

The turf would need to be replaced every 10 to 12 years, but the costs would be minimal, about \$600,000-\$750,000, McGann said.

Maintenance costs of \$60,000 per year for current natural grass fields would not reach \$1.5 million for 25 years, more than 10 years after Astroturf would have to be replaced twice at a cost of about \$1.2-\$1.5 million.

McGann said the cost of lighting

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Students from UI Professor Mike McCollough's retail distribution management class venture into Moscow stores to rate employee performance. JARED DESJARLAIS / ARGONAUT

Serious business: UI Highlights class offers real world-experience and real-life profits

BY KIMBERLY HIRAI
ARGONAUT STAFF

Michael McCollough's business runs like a well-oiled machine. Only University of Idaho Highlights is not really the UI marketing professor's business.

"The class is basically run by the students," McCollough says of his business 499 course.

Now in its second year of existence, the class runs much like a real business, he explains. Nineteen students run the necessary tasks in each of the sectors of human resources, marketing, financing, sales and Internet systems, much like a regular company.

The UI Highlights class is not simply projecting sales off the stock market or problem-solving scenarios thrown out by the professor. The students are running a company and getting real-world experience.

"The idea of it is that the students learn marketing and business by doing marketing and business," McCollough says. "Rather than just sitting in the classroom and learning about it in lectures or even reading about it in business magazines, they actually get out there and wrestle with the concepts by doing it."

McCollough describes the nontraditional environment of the class in a different way.

"Thousands of years ago Confucius says, 'I hear, I forget. I see, I remember. I do, I understand,' and so this class is kind of the epitome of that," he says.

McCollough first founded the course through the American Marketing Association. He says he thought the current fund-raising efforts of his stu-

dents did not educate them as well as UI Highlights does.

"Student clubs always have a need for funds," McCollough says. "My American Marketing Association students, to get funds, were often ... selling beverages at halftime at the Kibbie Dome, which is cool, but I kept thinking about how they really weren't furthering their interest and understanding of marketing by doing that. I wanted a little richer opportunity for them to be able to raise money and really hone their marketing skills."

Students now work as a company on two projects during the academic year in the UI Highlights class.

In the fall, students compile a research report detailing the consumption habits of UI students.

Through surveys, the class obtains information on what radio stations UI students listen to, what newspapers they read and where they go for other music information.

The sales department of UI Highlights then sells this report to merchants and local Moscow businesses for cheaper than the regular rate required to hire market research firms. The finance department then decides when and how to invoice clients who purchase the report.

Class participants have a final draft of last fall's survey, which they will begin to sell to local businesses this week, McCollough says.

"Pretty much for every business in town, this is information they have not traditionally had," McCollough says. "So it helps the smaller businesses compete against the large chains, which oftentimes have access to market research."

In the spring and fall, students work on an

additional project known as "secret shopping." Aided by McCollough's Retail Distribution Management class, the marketing sector of the class advertises the service to potential clients. Once a client is acquired, students are sent periodically to fast-food and sit-down restaurants or retail stores. McCollough says most of their clients are fast-food restaurants, with only a few sit-down restaurants and retail stores, though this year the class also has auto service retailers as clients.

While secret shopping, students evaluate the products, atmosphere and service.

Students fill out Internet surveys specifically designed for each type of business. The Internet systems department of the class then sends these reports to their clients, who can review them online. Each group of students is assigned 12 "shops" for the semester. The shops will begin this week and will continue until May.

McCollough decided to include his retail students in the secret shop project for a variety of reasons.

"Retail students may very well end up in retail jobs, and secret shops are so commonly done that this gives them an opportunity to experience shops from the other side. ... We have an old expression that 'retail is detail,' so they can start really thinking about what makes for a great service," he says.

The actual interaction with businesses and people is what is most beneficial and educational to senior marketing major Craig Solum.

"This class, business 499, gives us practical experience that you can't learn in a textbook. From

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OUTLOOK PALOUSE WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast for today, Wednesday, and Thursday. Today: Sunny, Hi: 41, Lo: 25. Wednesday: Mostly sunny, Hi: 44, Lo: 27. Thursday: Partly cloudy, Hi: 44, Lo: 29.

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County hires law firm for water rights hearing

BY LISA WAREHAM
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A battle over Paiouse water between Latah County and a potential farm has boiled over to litigation in a recent string of arguments between the two.

The Latah County Board of Commissioners has hired the law firm of Barker, Rosholt and Simpson, LLP, based in Twin Falls and Boise, because of complexities in the Ralph Naylor Farms water permit request. The request asks for the rights to 2.4 billion gallons of water each year.

In 2002 Naylor Farms requested the permit, which is for more water than Moscow and Pullman use combined. The business requested the water for mining clay and growing crops, including grapes, hops, herbs and potatoes.

Glen Saxon, Idaho Department of Water Resources hearing officer, granted the permit. Opponents of the application protested the decision because they feared Moscow and Pullman's water sources might be depleted.

Tod Geidl, attorney for Naylor Farms, said the business's permit would not hurt area aquifers.

"Naylor Farms' position is there is some published evidence that there's a separate aquifer they would be pumping out of," he said.

County Commissioner Tom Stroschein said there are different theories about connectivity between Naylor Farms' water and the Grand Ronde and Wanapum aquifers, Moscow and Pullman's primary water sources.

Saxon called for another hearing to obtain geological information on the area's aquifers compared to the Naylor Farms location. The hearing has not been scheduled.

Bill Thompson, Latah County prosecuting attorney, said Barker, Rosholt and Simpson

was hired because it has expertise and experience with water rights.

"This stuff is pretty new to us," Stroschein said.

He added the firm is highly respected. "They represent a lot of irrigation companies," Stroschein explained.

The firm is hiring a water specialist to study the area's water sources, Stroschein said.

Thompson said the law firm requested six months before the hearing to get "up to speed."

But Stroschein said he thinks six months might be too long because of costs and because the issue is emotional for both sides. The sooner it is over, the better it will be for Naylor Farms and residents of Moscow and Pullman, he said.

Geidl said he thinks the law firm does not need six months to prepare.

Geidl requested only one witness for the hearing. He said Naylor Farms' opponents have a list of nine witnesses and that many of their testimonies would be redundant.

"If they all testified, we could expect to spend weeks. I don't think that's what anyone wants," he said.

Thompson said he does not think the number of witnesses should be limited.

"I think that's pretentious," he said. He said different witnesses have different areas of expertise.

"It's certainly not proper to have one witness answer all the questions."

Geidl said the future hearing is unnecessary because Naylor Farms agreed to a protocol with the cities of Moscow and Pullman.

The protocol stated Naylor Farms would drill a well and monitor the water levels. It stated Naylor Farms would monitor all senior water rights wells, including those used by Moscow, Pullman, Washington State University

and the University of Idaho. The protocol also required the cities to monitor family residential wells.

The goal was to determine if there was connectivity between the Naylor Farms pump and Moscow and Pullman's primary water sources.

Naylor Farms agreed it would withdraw its application for water if a connection was established after one year of monitoring.

"We're basically just being delayed in our testing," Geidl said. "We aren't going to be injuring any senior water rights."

The protocol was negotiated after Moscow and Pullman protested Naylor Farms being granted the water permit. The cities feared the water Naylor Farms requested would affect the cities' sources of water.

"Our aquifer is already depleting like, a foot a year," said Dean Carwood, who works for the Idaho Geological Survey.

Moscow resident Sid Eder said he lives 1.5 miles from Naylor Farms.

"The issue isn't my well, or my neighbor's well. The issue is, is this a prudent use of water? Is this a responsible stewardship?" he said. "I think the answer is clearly no."

He said a group of investors owns Naylor Farms, and the public interest should be more important than the investors' income.

"They obviously want return for their investment, and you can't blame them for that," he said.

Stroschein said the public might have been more accepting if a large company came to Moscow requesting the water because it would bring jobs.

Geidl said Naylor Farms is going to be responsible for its actions.

"If it does happen to be that we're hurting senior water rights we're going to have to stop, or limit pumping," Geidl said.

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the fields would be about \$30,000, but would be taken care of by money already spent on maintenance.

ASUI Sens. Kris Kido and Natalia Bespyatova said they think it would be a benefit to UI students.

"I think it's a good addition to campus, with intramurals, varsity athletics and class benefits combined," Kido said.

He said he hoped the senate would come to a decision and present McGann with a recommendation or resolution.

Both Kido and Bespyatova said they would consult with their individual living groups to get an idea of how students felt.

Bespyatova said although she thought it was a good idea overall, she felt it was not feasible due to the university's current economic state. She said the university would probably be making budget cuts on the academic level.

"Students will probably want to support their academic programs ahead of athletics and intramurals," she said. "Academics is a priority even though this plan sounds beneficial."

Bespyatova said all funds will come out of UI President Tim White's budget.

"It's a prioritizing issue," she said.

McGann said the proposal has already been accepted by the Idaho State Board of Education, although university officials have not given the state a confirmed date of when the project would be finished.

"If the students agree, the project would take approximately four months," he said. "When you work on a campus, you are working for the students."

McGann said the Kibbie Center has already made a bid on turf. He said it remains to be seen if turf provider Sprinturf, the winning bidder, will honor the amount named last year. He said dome management must make sure there are no legality issues in order to move forward.

Although the fee increase would not be added to the fund until the fall 2005 semester, McGann said it would allow the project to start in the next fiscal year (July 1, 2005) and be finished by August 2005.

Bethany Anderson, a junior studying family and consumer sciences, said while she isn't happy about the fee increase, "it seems like it will be a great opportunity to have the flexibility to coordinate intramurals and varsity sports."

McGann said turf fields would be beneficial in several ways.

He said the current fields are used constantly throughout the fall, spring and summer, leaving little time for maintenance and rehabilitation.

He also said due to the weather conditions and shortened playing hours in fall and spring, there is limited time to play sports.

"The lighting creates more playing opportunities from sundown to sunset," he said. "It creates the opportunity to rearrange the activities' schedule and frees Guy Wicks Field for rehabilitation time and the addition of new activities such as co-ed flag football and soccer."

McGann said although he is unsure what the scheduling will be for the field, it will lessen the demand on the other fields. He said the fields could also be made available to the community.

"Many people will want to get in," he said.

TURF FACTS

• Specialty Services International, Inc., manufactures, sells and installs Sprinturf, the first all-rubber infill system.

• Sprinturf, a subsidiary of SSI, Inc., was the winning bidder out of companies who proposed to have their product placed on the east side of the Kibbie Dome.

• The Web site states the turf is used in several outdoor football stadiums, including practice fields for Auburn University and the Philadelphia Eagles.

• According to the Sprinturf manufacturers, it looks, feels and plays like natural grass but is safer and more durable. SSI, Inc., says they use high-quality fiber rubber, which is safe, strong, soft and natural.

• The rubber isn't porous, and unlike other artificial turf systems which use sand, does not absorb contaminants, is not dangerous to players using the field and does not clog drainage.

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a book you can learn about sales methods and tactics, but physically meeting with potential clients is where we learn the most about business, where we find out what works and what does not," Solum says.

UI Highlights works much like a business not only because of the structure of the class as sectors with vice presidents and a president, but also because of the profits the students make.

Money from the consumer survey and fees from secret shops provide scholarships to students mainly in the College of Business and Economics, as well as money to fund business-related fieldtrips.

McCullough was not sure of the exact details of how the money will be distributed, because the course is just now seeing the profits of sales and service revenue that students performed for local businesses.

The profits are far less as important than the experience in the UI Highlights class, some in the program say.

"They say experience is the best educator and this is no different," sophomore Philip Matos says. "You can read anything in a book; however, until you are able to put those concepts to use and show or demonstrate it, there is no way to prove learning has actually occurred."

The secret world of secret shopping

Kathryn Carpenter, a junior human resource and management major, and junior marketing major Raechelle Clark are two students in Mike McCullough's Retail Distribution Management class who will be conducting secret shops throughout the semester in cooperation with the University of Idaho Highlights class.

This week, the two students will conduct their first secret shop at a fast-food restaurant to evaluate staff, services and food.

Carpenter and Clark say they will evaluate the efficiency of service, the temperature of the food, how quickly it was served, whether the order was correct and the cleanliness of the restrooms.

Carpenter says she will also be looking at the behavior of the employees. The online survey students fill out after dining at fast-food or sit-down restaurants or at retail

stores requires that the students give descriptions or the names of people serving them. In this way, management can evaluate employees' performance.

Carpenter recognizes the effect she has as a secret shopper.

"It directly affects the people that help you," she says. Clark also finds their work to be beneficial to the clients with whom the UI Highlights class has relationships.

"I know it's nice when I get feedback because then I know what I'm doing is right," she says. "So it will be nice for employees to actually get a good report and realize that they are doing a good job."

Clark says the secret shops would not only help her in reviewing concepts of her course, but also in future business endeavors.

"I work in Coeur d'Alene at a small ice cream store," she says. "So we get secret shops done to us at times, and it will

be interesting to be on the other side."

Both students say they think their work will make a difference in the businesses

"It will be nice for employees to actually get a good report."

RAECHELLE CLARK
UI MARKETING STUDENT

they will visit.

"If the employees know that it's a possibility, I think it will help them strive harder to be at their best at all times, which is good for customer service and customer relationships," Carpenter says.

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Finance VP Kenton: Budget is turning around

BY NATE POPPINO
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Jay Kenton, University of Idaho vice president for finance and administration, had some good news for faculty members about UI's streak of financial problems.

"I believe that chapter is closing. A newer and much better one is opening," Kenton said Feb. 1 at the weekly Faculty Council meeting.

Citing copies of a recent UI audit by Deloitte & Touche LLP of Boise, Kenton said the university is starting to shed itself of debt caused by the failed University Place project.

The credit rating companies Standard and Poor's and Moody's recently both rated UI as having a stable outlook.

Kenton had less positive news about the UI Foundation, which played a large role in the University Place project.

"The foundation has no funding source," Kenton said.

The foundation was slated to pay off a \$5 million loan at the end of December but got approval from the Idaho State Board of Education to delay it one year. Repayment of that and another \$2 million loan will be due at the end of this year, but the foundation first has to find a way to pay the money, he said.

Though the university is likely not free of budget cuts yet, Kenton said UI is doing better in several budget categories.

The university's unrestricted net assets, which are basically a savings account, contain 10.7 percent of this year's operating expense budget. Kenton said the percentage was a good thing and best practice shows

those assets should stay between 5 and 15 percent.

UI's debt-burden ratio indicates how much debt UI currently has and how much new debt it could take on. Kenton said the ratio is at 5 percent and should rise to no more than 7 percent.

"We should be conservative in taking any new debt obligations on," Kenton said.

To help lessen the university's debt, Kenton said UI is refinancing \$30 million in construction bonds and will save \$230,000 per year for 20 years.

Kenton also shared a draft of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's budget for the 2006 fiscal year. He said the draft turned out better than he thought it might but pointed out a couple of areas where UI will lose money, specifically lost endowments that would cost the university about \$1 million.

The other institutions listed on the draft — Boise State University, Idaho State University and Lewis and Clark State College — also lost endowment funds.

"The governor's budget in total is much better than we expected and we're very thankful for his leadership," Kenton said.

Finally, Kenton reported that the UI Water Center in Boise, the only building completed in the University Place project, has acquired leases from several companies and may be able to fill its entire space. Kenton said the extra revenue meant UI would not have to increase its payments for the center.

Kenton said more news about UI's budget would come Friday when UI President Tim White speaks to the campus about budget recommendations made by the Vision and Resources Task Force.

Local priest reaches out to Moscow Hispanic community

BY AMBER EBERT
ARGONAUT STAFF

As cultures combine and collide on a university campus, Father Bill Taylor seeks to accommodate students of all backgrounds.

Busy preparing sermons, making phone calls and fulfilling priestly duties, Taylor opens the door to his office and welcomes visitors.

From his office chair, he spins around and offers a smile. Making time for a simple chat, Taylor sits on the couch in St. Augustine's Catholic Center. He puts his feet up and speaks in a soft voice about services for Hispanics.

Taylor moved to Moscow about five months ago and has been holding services in Spanish once a month. The next service is noon Feb. 13 at St. Augustine's Catholic Church on Deakin Avenue, across the street from the University of Idaho Student Union Building.

"About 60 people come to the service. Some attend the English services as well, but many students find it difficult to pray in a language that is not their mother tongue," Taylor says.

Lorena Carillo, a UI business major, helps to coordinate the masses, and says it is good for Spanish-speaking students to have an outlet for their faith.

"I think it is a really great thing that we started because there is nowhere else to go to church in Spanish around here," Carillo says.

She says helping organize the events makes her happy to know she is providing a service to students who are unfamiliar with the Palouse.

"I'm very happy to do this. It is another way to serve people and God," Carillo says.

The services' times and dates vary every month because Taylor tries to work with the university's schedule. He tries to let people know about the services through signs on campus and by word of mouth.

Some students only come to the Spanish services. Taylor says it is hard for some of the Hispanic students to mingle with his English-speaking congregation because of the language barrier.

He says he wants them to know that the church is there for them.

"It is only when you've lived in a different country and had to speak their language that you understand how supremely difficult it is. All of the foreign students here are doing something really difficult. For that, they really have my admiration," Taylor says.

Taylor says he likes to sit down and talk with people about the cus-

oms and traditions of the Hispanic students and tries to incorporate that into his sermons.

In December, for example, St. Augustine's held a service for the celebration of the Lady of Guadalupe, a Mexican tradition.

"We have a lot of different people from different places all over the country. Some are from Mexico; there are Peruvians; some are from Chile, Central America, we have one or two Colombians," Taylor says. "Each country has different cultures and we are trying to give each person a chance to share that with us."

Taylor has been working in the Catholic Church for 40 years. He went on a mission to Colombia from 1969-1975 and learned the Spanish language there.

Prior to moving to Moscow, Taylor was a priest at St. Maries Parish in St. Maries, Idaho. He says when he heard of the opportunity to work at St. Augustine's, he was happy. He also worked on Idaho State University's campus in Pocatello for nine years.

"So now I find in my old age that I get to do it again. I told them I was a little old, but I would go," Taylor says jokingly.

Taylor says his hope is that as the years go on, St. Augustine's will develop a close-knit community for all students.

Proposed budget focuses on security, would cut domestic programs

BY RON HUTCHESON
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) - President Bush on Monday sent Congress a nearly \$2.6 trillion federal budget that would boost spending for defense and national security while scaling back or eliminating hundreds of domestic programs.

The 2006 spending plan calls for the biggest cuts in domestic expenditures since the Reagan years, but would still result in a \$390 billion federal deficit. Many Americans would feel a direct impact from the president's proposed cuts.

Airline passengers would pay \$3 to \$5 more each way to help cover the cost of improved airport security. Train passengers would face higher ticket prices or reduced service because Bush would end federal subsidies for Amtrak. Farmers would lose about \$587 million in agriculture subsidies. Military veterans

would pay more for prescription drugs.

Agencies targeted for some of the biggest cuts include the Environmental Protection Agency, the Education Department, the Health and Human Services Department, and the Housing and Urban Development Department.

The president called his spending proposal a "lean budget" that funnels tax dollars to the most vital government programs.

Overall spending for discretionary government programs covered by the annual budget process would increase by about 2.1 percent - slightly below the projected 2.3 percent inflation rate - but the money would be allocated unevenly. Programs that aren't related to defense or homeland security would get a 1 percent cut.

About 150 programs would be eliminated or dramatically reduced, but administration offi-

cial declined to list them, and Congress is sure to have different ideas. Bush targeted 65 programs for elimination last year; all but four survived.

However, expenditures for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other so-called mandatory "entitlement" programs that are essentially outside the annual budget process - and that constitute about half of all federal spending - would continue to grow at rates well above most other government programs.

"Our priorities are winning the war on terror, protecting our homeland, growing our economy. It's a budget that focuses on results," the president said at a White House meeting with his Cabinet. "I fully understand that sometimes it's hard to eliminate a program that sounds good."

Although Bush said he was on track to cut the deficit in half by the time he leaves office, his pro-

jections don't include spending in Iraq and Afghanistan beyond this year, the long-term cost of extending his tax cuts or any costs of his plan to let workers divert some of their Social Security taxes to personal investment accounts, which alone is projected to cost trillions.

Congressional Democrats called the president's budget a hoax that masks the true outlook for federal deficits.

"This budget continues the wrong choices and misplaced priorities that have created record deficits and rising debt over the last four years," said Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, the top Democrat on the House Budget Committee. "By any realistic accounting, the president's policies make the deficit problem worse, not better."

Bush, who inherited a \$236 billion surplus and a declining economy when he took office in 2001, hopes to put the government on a path to a \$207 billion deficit by fiscal 2010. The government expects to end the current fiscal year \$427 billion in the red.

That's a record in dollar terms, but not as a percentage of the economy, which is considered a more important gauge of the government's financial health.

The budget would accelerate the shift in federal priorities that began with the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Four years later, the threat of terrorism has become a fact of life that influences federal spending across the board.

Bush's plan to increase defense spending by about 5 percent next year would bring the total increase since 2001 to 41 percent. The \$419.3 billion defense budget for 2006 would

consume about half the money that Congress has available for programs covered by the annual budget process.

Funding for homeland security, which already has tripled since 2001, would increase by 8 percent next year, to nearly \$50 billion. About \$34.2 billion would go to the Homeland Security Department, but more than two dozen other agencies also have responsibility for homeland-security programs.

The fear of a chemical, biological or nuclear attack is a recurring theme in the president's budget. The FBI would get \$5.7 billion - an 11 percent increase - to help pay for more translators, intelligence analysts and overseas agents.

Despite a 6 percent cut in overall spending at the Environmental Protection Agency, the EPA would get a 73 percent increase - to \$185 million - for programs related to homeland security. The EPA is responsible for decontaminating any sites that are hit by weapons of mass destruction.

Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other so-called mandatory programs would continue to consume about half of all the tax dollars that Americans send to Washington. In addition, interest on the federal debt would take a \$211 billion bite out of the budget, more than twice the combined amount allocated for the EPA, the Energy Department, federal law enforcement and foreign aid.

Bush offered no new details on his plans for overhauling Social Security, but said he hoped to save \$45 billion over the next 10 years in Medicaid, a federal-state health care program for the poor.

Even with the changes the president advocates, Medicaid spending would increase by about 7.2 percent a year.

The proposed savings would put new burdens on state governments while many of them are struggling to avoid deficit spending. The National Governors Association said Bush's plan could force cuts in Medicaid services to the elderly and people with disabilities, which receive the biggest share of Medicaid spending.

"The Medicaid program is growing rapidly because health care inflation is running two to three times the general inflation rate and the case load has grown 33 percent over the last four years," the association said in a statement responding to the president's budget. "Governors have little control over these two cost drivers, and do not want to be in the position of having to choose between funding health-care programs for grandparents or programs for their grandchildren."

The administration's refusal to provide a list of programs slated for elimination was a tacit acknowledgement of the political difficulties that Bush's budget faces in Congress. And this will take months; Congress rarely completes work on tax and spending bills flowing from a president's budget before the new fiscal year begins on Oct. 1.

"Are we going to get everything we ask for? No," said Josh Bolten, Bush's budget director. "Are we going to get all the program cuts we wanted? No. Are we going to get all the spending increases we asked for? No, I don't expect that. But I think we will get a lot of them."

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MAILBOX

Don't support abortion, support contraception

Dear Editor,
I will try to help you understand, Mr. Fusselman, but we're going to have to start from the beginning. The issue of abortion deals not with whether a fetus is a human being or not, but rather with the question: who has the right to make a decision regarding a woman's body? Every woman does. Every woman has the right to make that decision with the help of her conscience, her physician, her family and her God. Not with your help, not with mine, certainly not with the "help" of a politician.
Next issue. Emergency contraception is just that. Contraception. It does not abort a fertilized egg, nor does it terminate a pregnancy if the egg has already implanted into the uterine wall. It prevents pregnancy. Which is exactly what more people should be supporting if they really oppose abortion. Prevention education is the only way to cut down the number of abortions being performed. The public needs access to accurate education regarding contraception and disease. Unfortunately, those who don't support a woman's right to choose often don't support comprehensive sex education or access to contraception, which seems silly to me.
If you don't support abortion, you should at least support access to contraception and education so there are fewer pregnancies in the first place.

Sally Eby
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UI VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood

Iraq is more like Vietnam

Dear Editor,
Though I am a Democrat, I am never in any hurry to defend Ted Kennedy. However, whenever I read some fledgling Republican editorial writer use tired clichés like "bleeding heart liberals," ("Iraq not quagmire; US should stay," Feb. 1) I have to laugh to myself. So I decided to "examine the war," as the editorial writer in question, Bill Urdrian, put it.
Urdrian pitches the usual fit that most Republicans do when anyone mentions "Iraq" and "Vietnam" in the same sentence. He cites the "difference in the number of casualties" between the two.
Spending about two minutes on Google, you'll find that 1,437 Americans are dead after two years of war in Iraq. How about Vietnam after 2 years? 1,226. Wait, that looks like Iraq has more casualties so far. Well, that's not good, is it?
What other similarities are there? Thinly veiled nation building by the U.S.? Check. Steadily increasing resistance on the battlefield and at home? Check. Prolonged U.S. involvement with no end in sight? Check. Gosh, it sounds like they are comparable.
But the larger point of Urdrian's article was that Kennedy wants to "retreat from Iraq" due to the fact that he called for the President to remove 12,000 troops. That's 12,000 out of 150,000, mind you. What Urdrian doesn't understand is that part of the process of stabilizing Iraq is to gradually withdraw and allow them to self-govern. Kennedy's speech simply asks us to learn from our mistakes in Vietnam. To quote that speech, "mindless determination doesn't make a better outcome more likely."

Joe Crowell
Junior
Justice studies

ASUJ should represent students in fee debate

Dear Editor,
What in the heck is going on with the ASUJ these days? Last time I checked their job was to represent the students to the administration and state government. As well last time I checked - I do a lot of checking - the majority of students aren't sitting around thinking, "Hey, take more of my hard-earned cash. It's just burning a hole in my proverbial pocket."
It just doesn't make any sense. Each year student fees are increased to balance the university budget, and like clockwork the next year the budget is magically unbalanced again. I'm no lunatic; I know that prices change for goods and services the university uses, but that can't be where all the money is going. So where is the money going? That's simple enough to figure out: it's going into funding new ideas and services. Well here's a brilliant plan I came up with while I slept in class to solve this problem. Quit creating new ideas

and services that suck up funds the university doesn't have and quit milking me like a gosh-darn cash cow.
So c'mon ASUJ, don't squeeze the last dollars out of a poor student's accounts. If you really want to help the students you're supposed to represent let them keep a few more dollars to spend on their personal entertainment. Think more what the students want, not what might look good on your resume at some later date. Take it from me; I'd rather slam one of my extremities in a door instead of paying higher student fees.

Shawn Campbell
Senior
Ag systems management

Planned Parenthood checks the condoms it hands out

Dear Editor,
As an employee of Planned Parenthood I would like to compliment the author of "Condoms are safe, some are safer," printed Feb. 1. The author did an excellent job in explaining the importance of communication, proper usage of condoms, and the risks of not using protection, however, I must comment on the Planned Parenthood Condom ratings mentioned.
The Consumer Reports condom testing was atypical. As soon as Consumer Reports expressed its concerns, all styles of Planned Parenthood Condoms were sent for retesting by an independent testing laboratory. The results were excellent on all measurements of quality. Planned Parenthood will continue to rigorously test and monitor these products to ensure high quality.
Although Planned Parenthood of the Inland Northwest, which includes Pullman, Cheney, and Spokane clinics, does not stock Planned Parenthood Condoms, we have confidence in the safety and effectiveness of the Planned Parenthood brand. Planned Parenthood is committed to the highest quality products for our clients, and our top priority is the health and safety of our patients.
The important thing to remember is that if any brand of condom you use breaks and ejaculate spills into your body, you may want to take steps to protect yourself from a possible unintended pregnancy. Planned Parenthood provides emergency contraception (EC), which can prevent pregnancy if started within five days of unprotected intercourse, to Idaho residents on a sliding scale.

Lena Kassa
Public affairs field organizer
Planned Parenthood of the Inland Northwest
Pullman

Hansen should fight to block student fee increase

Dear Editor,
Our representative, our lobby, the person who won the sparkling popularity contest by graffitiing her trademark-infringing logo all over campus (I still find stickers stuck on chairs) has decided that we students want to go ahead and pay 10 percent more next year for tuition.
Now, unless I'm out of touch with students, I don't think that students in general want to just willfully take a fee hike so we can have programs most of us have never heard of, and even fewer utilize.
So, how is it that Hansen can make this bold, highly consequential decision?
Oh, that's right, because she got elected to represent us.
I have to imagine that if dealing with the budget discrepancy were put upon the athletic department, that they wouldn't just lay down and give up, saying they wouldn't mind losing something or having to pay more. They'd send their best lobbyists, and figure out alternatives.
So, why can't we, as the student body, expect the same from our lobby? Is it because our lobby is the mere winner of a popularity contest, who doesn't have to worry about where her tuition comes from? Could it be that Hansen doesn't have to live from check to check, or worse, like me, from tuition disbursement to tuition disbursement?
I'm sorry, but this just won't work. I am not going to sit by and let this fee increase happen without my lobbyists fighting for me.
I have a proposition for Hansen. Either change your mind, fight for the students and lobby against the fee increase, or face a recall vote.

Michael Wolf
Junior

OURVIEW



SEAN GARMIRE / ARGONAUT

Closed meetings hurt democracy

Democrats, Moscow senator's 'no' vote right thing

Knowing what your Idaho state senator is up to just became more difficult. The rules governing public and press access to senate committee meetings have been changed, allowing the meetings' closure with only a two-thirds vote of the committee - for any reason.
The measure passed 26-9 in the face of opposition from Senate Democrats, two Republicans and the Idaho Press Club. The vote fell along party lines with the exception of Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, and Brent Hill, R-Rexburg.
Democratic senators showed their opposition the day of the vote by erecting a temporary barrier at a Capitol door. Unfortunately, it was only an ineffective publicity stunt.
Not only is there political opposition, but legal as well. Idaho open-meeting laws are clear on the subject: "All meetings of any standing, special or select committee of either house of the legislature of the State of Idaho shall be open to the public at all times." Obviously, the senators believe they are above the law.
Thankfully, this attack on transparent government has not gone unchallenged. The IPC has filed suit against the Senate, demanding the courts reverse this rule change. The suit will likely make it to the state supreme court.
The rule does not apply to meetings in which official action can be taken, but the issue here is not whether or not official action can be taken. It is twofold. First, do the voters have the right to know what their legislators are doing, and second, are senators above the law?
Voters do have the right to access. Closing a meeting gives senators the ability to make decisions in private without the public knowing their reasoning, which violates that right. Even though voting is public, the discussion can be done in private, and many times the discussion is what matters. Blocking information from the public violates a basic tenet of democracy. Representatives of a group must be accountable to its members for democracy to exist. Otherwise it is just like the staged elections

in Saddam's Iraq. Secondly, those who make the laws are not above them, regardless of what the senators believe. Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, even went as far as to argue that legislative rules always trump state laws in The Idaho Statesman. The problem is, lawmakers who ignore laws undermine the integrity of the very laws they make. The simple fact that the open meeting laws in Idaho prohibit the closing of "all meetings of any standing, special or select committee," should have been enough for this rule change to fail.
The seven Democrats and two Republicans who voted against this measure should be commended. It is the responsibility of news media to be the watchdogs of government. If press and public access to meetings is blocked, so is the ability of the free press to fulfill this basic purpose.
Limits like these hamper the political process and tear at the very fabric of the values of a free society.

J.S.

Major Social Security reform needed to save program

In his State of the Union address Wednesday President Bush made it clear that "our children's retirement security is more important than partisan politics." I guess the Democrats disagree.
Listening to the to the president's annual address last week you would have thought you were watching a hockey game. The left side of the house floor resounded with boos as Bush discussed his plan to reform Social Security. There was clear dissent from the left in a most distasteful way given the setting. As could be expected, the post-speech response from the Dems was a collage of doubt and finger pointing. There was the usual tear-down of the president's plan followed by the trusty old no-viable-solution-of-their-own.
The usual partisan divide is expected. So is the usual Democratic tendency to support failing social programs. In the

case of Social Security reform, there is no reason for it. No one from either party denies that the current Social Security program is heading for disaster. What possible gains could be made leaving the existing program in place?
There are none. Experts from all sides of the political spectrum agree on that.
That's exactly what the Democrats want to do, though - leave the existing Social Security plan in place and raise taxes. That's right, back to the old catchall Democratic solution - raise taxes. Raise one tax to save another. Sound a little ridiculous to me.
In a time when we are struggling to help other nations gain freedom abroad, the Democrats want to hinder our freedom here at home? That's all that the Democratic solution amounts to, hindering our domestic economic freedom.
The Bush plan calls for freedom of choice when planning for your economic future. The Democrats won't get on board with the president's plan even though he's asked for their support. He's even gone so far as to say that he'll listen to any suggestion, other than an increase in the payroll tax, and that all options are still on the table. This means he'll listen to any-

one, even those who disagree with him, as long as they have a viable solution; so far, no dice for the Dems.
The overwhelming Democratic response to the president's open-door policy was that the door really isn't open. They claim that if the President really wanted the left's input, then he wouldn't be immediately committing his plan to policy. This is yet another left-wing cop-out. The president knows the Democratic propensity toward Social Security reform is all talk and no action. After all, Bill Clinton was talking about immediate Social Security reform in his second term. What actions did he actually take towards these reforms? I can't think of any. Since Clinton's second term, what great ideas has the Democratic Congress had? None come to mind.
The left expects the president to wait around for them to come up with a viable solution while the Social Security crisis grows exponentially. Sounds great if you don't want to get anything accomplished, but fortunately for America, the president is more concerned with getting things accomplished than talking.
Why won't the Democrats get on board with Bush's plan? After all, the plan doesn't force anyone

to do anything. Anyone who wants to stay with old-fashioned Social Security is free to do so, including the Democratic Congress.
The Democrats won't get on board with Bush's plan for two reasons. First, they are angry that the President can actually handle domestic policy. The Democrats ran their 2004 election on domestic issues because they felt Bush was weak in this area. A successful overhaul of the Social Security program would deem this notion invalid.
Secondly, the Democrats believe in programs that lead to the further socialization of America. Anything that undermines these types of programs, like Bush's Social Security reform, is taken as an attack on the left. Instead of being a constructive part of the solution, the Dems are pining over what they view as an attack on the accomplishments of one of their biggest heroes, FDR's social safety net.
The president isn't attacking the social safety net at all. He just realizes that we must grow wealth to ensure retirement security for coming generations. The Democratic solution of throwing money at a problem and expecting it to work itself out is out of date, and Social Security reform is in the air.



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ARTS & CULTURE

'Shades of Black' celebrates Black History

BY ABBY ANDERSON
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February is Black History Month, and University of Idaho and Washington State University students are celebrating with "Shades of Black."

The showcase will take place at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in the UI SUB Ballroom.

PREVIEW Admission is free. Various African and black organizations from UI and WSU are performing in the show to give a diverse presentation of black history and culture.

Kwapi Vengesayi, a UI student who organized "Shades of Black," will perform with the dance groups VIBE and The Wild Cards.

"We have a wide variety of performances," Vengesayi said. "Spoken words, dancing, instruments, different mediums of expression. And all of it done by students. All very talented individuals

and groups."

The showcase will also include gospel music and sign language.

"We're trying to bring in a different element and dimension to the show. 'Shades of Black' is a celebration of black culture, more of a celebration of the culture and what it's become over the years," Vengesayi said.

Wetalu Rodriguez, a UI freshman, is performing a hip-hop, reggae and pump-up routine with the group VIBE.

"I get a high off it. I like to get to perform in front of people," she said. "I like bringing something new to the table every time. It's a hobby of mine."

Rodriguez predicts "Shades of Black" will be a good and broad experience.

"I'm not black myself but people who aren't want to share the experience. It's not all just for one race. It's a good experience for people to go and learn about other people's cultures."

Vengesayi agrees.

"It's not about black the color, it's

about black culture," he said. "I think it's something students can enjoy and see, to go have fun. If you're a person who enjoys the performing arts, then it's definitely a show to go to."

"This show is about a happy upbeat celebration of black history. We want to show who we are as a people."

KWAPI VENGESAYI
UI STUDENT

Vengesayi believes attendance at "Shades of Black" has been low in the past because the showcase seems like a performance only for Africans or blacks.

"I think to me it's about identity,

showing who I am and what I'm about in a positive light," he said. "People begin to think, 'Oh, it's about only slavery or Martin Luther King,' but this show is about a happy upbeat celebration of black history. We want to show who we are as a people."

Tendekai Kuture, a UI graduate student and music instructor, will perform with the Zimbabwe Marimba Band Ensemble and the Sesitshaya Marimba Ensemble at "Shades of Black." Kuture instructs the two musical groups, one made up of UI students and the other made up of community members.

"The audience must expect fireworks. The moment each of the groups is on stage it's really thunder and fireworks," Kuture said.

Kutire will be playing shakers for both groups.

"It enables the groups to play together, gives the whole performance a Zimbabwean touch. The shakers appear very simple but the things they articu-

late is what makes the performance African but much more Zimbabwean," he said.

Kutire, who is from Zimbabwe, has an extensive background in music. He has been teaching music or involved in music education for the past 23 years in the United States and Zimbabwe.

"I came here as a student, and in about a month's time came the marimbas from Zimbabwe. I knew Moscow would start playing marimba one way or another," Kutire said.

He began teaching a marimba course for credit at UI and advertised in the community. After he successfully formed two marimba groups, "we have never looked back," he said.

"Shades of Black" has not looked back either, Vengesayi said.

"What it does is build bridges. That's what makes it a show good for the community," he said. "It caters to people who like gospel or hip-hop. It's one of those memorial experiences people can have."

Chocolates bring spice to Moscow

BY JON ROSS
ASSISTANT ARTS & CULTURE EDITOR

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of features on Moscow-area candy makers and chocolatiers. Look for the final taste test Feb. 15)

Marilyn Lysohir's association with the chocolate business began at a young age.

"When I was 16, my first job was in this chocolate company," she said. Her employment with Duffins in Pennsylvania may have prepared her for the role of head cowgirl at Cowgirl Chocolates, but it was her brother who gave her the idea.

"I had a brother who heard a chocolate company say they would give someone \$10,000 for a new chocolate flavor," Lysohir said.

After her brother failed to impress the company with the addition of hot nuts to chocolate, Lysohir took a turn. The result was a spicy chocolate.

Lysohir is the creator of Cowgirl Chocolates, a candy that mixes spices with European chocolate. Since their advent in 1997, the chocolates have gained international attention. "They're spotted all over the place," she said. Recently, the Bellagio hotel and casino in Las Vegas placed an order for 300 gift baskets.

Cowgirl Chocolates come in a variety of flavors and are made with either dark or milk chocolate. The company deals mostly in truffles, but sells a caramel sauce as well. The sauce is used as the glaze on a banana dessert available at the Red Door.

"Mild Mannered" chocolates were introduced as an alternative to the spicy candies, but they are not as popular as their predecessors.

"Our spicy chocolates, that is what everybody wants," Lysohir said. She once received an e-mail from a customer who ordered a gift basket of assorted flavors. The woman wrote, "I only want the spicy chocolate, no mild."

Sales come courtesy of area merchants that sell the chocolate — the Cowgirl brand can be found at the Moscow Food Co-op, BookPeople and other local stores — and a Web site, www.cowgirlchocolates.com.

"Most of the business comes from out of the area. People have really supported it here in town, but most of our business comes from

wholesaling," Lysohir said.

The head cowgirl said she uses European chocolate in the candies "because it tastes better."

Lysohir makes a comparison between the chocolate and a fine wine.

"People who really know their chocolate, they know if they're eating good chocolate or mediocre chocolate."

The chocolates were unveiled in the summer of 1997 at the Farmers' Market.

"The summer in Moscow, that was a period of taste-testing and seeing what people like," Lysohir said. There, she witnessed a mixed reaction to her new treat.

"Some people just loved it; others didn't." But that was enough for her to start a company and enlist Hunter's Candy as the chocolate maker. An outside supplier was needed, because the only Cowgirl Chocolates Lysohir had produced were the test pieces.

"I only made the chocolates in the beginning to see if this idea would work," she said.

The idea worked so well that Hunter's couldn't keep up with demand and Lysohir had to switch suppliers. The chocolates are now made in Canada.

In the beginning, Lysohir was apprehensive about every big order.

"My first order was for 40 pounds, and I was really nervous about that," she said. Currently, Cowgirl Chocolates ships out around 4,000 pounds of chocolate a year.

The company gained national attention when the Food Network came to Moscow for a special about the spicy chocolate. "Extreme Cuisine" focused on the operation in town, and another show, "Unwrapped," took a trip up to Canada to see how the candies are made. This exposure, coupled with the competitions Cowgirl routinely wins, helped spread the word about the chocolate.

For now, Lysohir is happy with the size of the company. She employs four part-time workers who only put in long hours during the holidays, and when Lysohir takes a day off work, it isn't detrimental to the operation. She is also quick to acknowledge that there is room for expansion.

"It actually could really grow. I kind of let it happen on its own. I always think of it as its a little gold mine, but we're prospecting it slowly."



Marilyn Lysohir, head cowgirl of Cowgirl Chocolates, shows off the company's collection of spicy truffles. MARK LAMOREAUX / COURTESY PHOTO

Generations collide in 'Three Days of Rain'

BY HILLARY FLOWERS
ARGONAUT STAFF

It's 1995 in New York City. Three adults search for clues from their past after a loved one dies. It's "Three Days of Rain."

PREVIEW "Three Days of Rain," directed by first year master's of fine arts in directing candidate Grechen Wingarter, will debut Tuesday through Saturday in the Kiva Theatre.

"My mom took me to see my first play when I was about 9," Wingarter said. "From that moment on I knew that that's what I wanted to do with my life."

Wingarter is a graduate student at the University of Idaho. Originally from Rockford, Ill., she was an undergraduate at Illinois State University. She studied for one year at Mountview Theatre School.

"I started out being an actor," Wingarter said. "I realized that directing was much more of a challenge for me."

Richard Greenberg wrote "Three Days of Rain" in 1997 and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1998. Wingarter said Greenberg knows what he's saying and knows how to write well.

"Part of the extremes of theater is having an audience there with you and you hope that you can really get them to take the journey with you," Wingarter said. "This is such a beautifully written play. It tells this amazing story following these people and their lives."

The story begins with Walker and Nan, a brother and sister who come together after the death of their father. Their childhood friend Pip is with them. When they hear their father's will, things don't turn out how they expected. The children start to ask

why this has happened. On their journey to discover the reasons, they find a journal, which plays a key role in the events to come.

Act 2 is set in 1960 in New York City. The act focuses on the parents of the children in Act 1. The actors who play the children play their parents in Act 2. In this act, the parents give clues to help the audience and the children understand why things turned out the way they did. The journal that's found in Act 1 shows how the events began.

"For me it's always been a question as to how are we like our parents," Wingarter said. "Do the choices that they make and how do the choices that they make affect our lives?"

The cast includes business marketing major Kirk Calzacorta playing Pip and Theo, theater major J.J. Johnston as Walker

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Genesee attracts sea of crab lovers Feb. 12

BY TOM BANKS
ARGONAUT STAFF

Area residents will come together for food, entertainment and a chance to help raise money for the Genesee Fire Department at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Genesee Fire Station for the city's annual crab feed.

PREVIEW "It's meant to raise money for a small community and attract a lot of college students. It gives them a chance to get out and have a good time," said Jessi Bacon, a University of Idaho senior who went to last year's feed.

This is Genesee's 39th crab feed, and organizers expect it to be a big event.

"It's going to go from 3 p.m. until all the crab's gone," said Genesee city clerk Mert Geltz.

Other than the fresh crab, the fire department also will serve potato salad, coleslaw and other assorted side dishes. Live entertainment, most likely something musical, also will be featured.

"In previous years there's usually been a band at one of the bars in town," said Bill

Krick, one of the event organizers.

Previous crab feeds have attracted crowds of roughly 1,000 to 1,200.

"It always manages to draw around a thousand people, and they all have a great time each year," Geltz said.

In past years, the crab feed has drawn a large number of college students from the Moscow and Pullman communities.

"I think that it's mostly college students that go, but there's also locals and also a lot of older adults and Moscow people," Bacon said.

The organizers said they can't explain why the event has been this popular or lasted for this long.

"It's just one of those things that has steadily kind of grown. It's just kind of an event for fraternities and sororities," said Krick.

The income generated by the event is used to fund the town's fire station in some way. Last year, part of the proceeds were used to purchase a new defibrillator. To people who are about to consume uncertain amounts of seafood and potatoes, this might come as comforting news.

Krick said the crab feed has changed some

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'Sideways' rich in complexity, comedy

BY ABBY ANDERSON
ARGONAUT STAFF

Like a bottle of champagne, "Sideways" bubbles up furiously with comedy and a slight hint of acidic loneliness. Drinking it down slowly, the film's vivid visuals and quirky relationships intoxicate, turning the viewer into an alcoholic, hoping for one more sip after the film is over.

The Oscar-nominated film, written by Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor and directed by Payne, appeals to many tastes. "Sideways," based on Rex Pickett's novel by the same name, is a delightful combination of comedy and drama.

The film covers the odd friendship between Miles (Paul Giamatti), a divorced, single, depressed middle-school English teacher, and Jack (Thomas Haden Church), an engaged, washed-up actor. The differences are apparent in their choices of wine and love: Jack will drink anything that comes in a bottle and sleep with any woman who walks. Miles is obsessed with Pinot Noir, a wine that needs careful attention and is made from grapes that only grow in special conditions, much like how he desperately needs to be taken care of by women.

In celebration of Jack's last weekdays of bachelorhood, Miles takes Jack on a wine-tasting road trip through California wine country. As Jack enjoys the spoils of his last week of freedom by becoming involved with wine-pourer Stephanie (Sandra Oh), he pressures lonely Miles into getting together

with wine-savvy waitress Maya (Virginia Madsen), knowing Miles has not moved on from his past. Each relationship increases in complexity, challenging Jack and Miles to rethink their lives and the direction they want to go. As the week progresses, the men's plans and friendship change.

Chronicling Jack's cheating and Miles' hesitations and insecurities of getting into a new relationship, "Sideways" also is like a glass of wine, with immediate flavors of hilarity and eventually subtle undertones of desperation. It peels back the layers of its main characters with purpose. Haden Church is sharply comical as a carpe diem Casanova and Giamatti convincingly plays a worrying, color-within-the-lines wine connoisseur and aspiring novelist.

Eventually, Jack's cheating takes a toll on him and it's somewhat ironic that Miles should be the one to help him out of his crisis. As the two men are driving back from their weeklong excursion, it is certain that too much wine is never a good thing, especially when waking up to the hangovers in life.

"Sideways" has something for everyone. The cinematography of the vineyards and juxtaposition of scenes is stunning as well as Jack and Miles' realization that they have to savor every moment of their lives before it's too late. Conversations between the main characters over dinner craftily simulate how a nice buzz of drunken conversation can go many directions. While evaluating their favorite wines, Paul and Maya actually describe themselves - wines at their peak in life, grown only in the right circumstances and with special care.

"Sideways" is a rare gem. A film so delightful it seems almost sinful to watch has to be filmed, acted and directed by just the right crew, and Payne and his team have done just that.

REVIEW



"SIDEWAYS"

★★★ (of 5)
Paul Giamatti
Now Showing

Taste of Nepal brings food and fun to UI

BY CHRISTINA NAVARRO
ARGONAUT STAFF

The SUB's Gold/Silver room buzzed with energy Sunday during Taste of Nepal.

A large group of families and students from University of Idaho gathered to celebrate the work of the Nepal Student Association, despite the date coinciding with the Super Bowl. One highlight of the festival was a play written and performed by NSA members.

"The drama was something different and one of a kind," said Sheela Chand, International Student Organization vice president and former NSA secretary. Event coordinator Prabal Upadhyaya and agricultural economics graduate student Arun Adhikari were inspired to write the play by the hard work of Nepali students who left their country with a perceived image of American college life.

The drama mirrored the lives of many of the NSA students, who are determined to work hard in American society.

"It is difficult to do well in the States and work," Adhikari said. "But America has also

worked hard to get where it is now."

Chand agreed that she has worked hard, but does not regret any of it.

"Personally, life here was a big transition, but I love the cultures and the learning experience," she said.

From misleading stereotypes commonly depicted in Hollywood, the characters in the play had perceived American college as a time to just have fun and party, but realized life in the United States is nothing like it was in Nepal.

"Reality is about struggle, and finding your dream," Upadhyaya said.

Upadhyaya's brother Parag, who was also involved in the event, agreed.

"Movies depict college as easy with parties, but it is hard working for scholarships, grades, and money," he said.

Other than the play, Taste of Nepal featured slide presentations, a fashion show and children energetically singing, dancing and clapping to the live music. Dancers in colorful red

and gold costumes blended hand gestures with high-spirited dancing and lip synched to Nepali music.

A performer played a maadal, an authentic Nepali drum, along with guitarists and singers.

"Last year's event included more modern music," Parag Upadhyaya said. "This year was more traditional."

Sanjeev Giri performed "Aaria Agadiko," or "Front Mirror," a song he had written and composed.

"I enjoyed just playing in front of people who are interested in my culture," Giri said.

The NSA cooked and prepared a variety of traditional dishes, and organized them among tables for spicy, less spicy, meat and vegetable items.

"The food was really nice and there was a lot of variety," senior political science major Britt-Marie Lorenzen said.

"I was surprisingly happy with the turnout, considering it was Super Bowl Sunday," Lorenzen said. "I liked how the Nepali students came together to plan the event."

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and Ned and theater major Ellen McIlvaine as Nan and Lina. The cast started rehearsing in early January with rehearsals once every night along with Wingerter's direction.

"I really enjoy working with younger actors and helping them get to the places that they need to get to, whatever role that they're playing," Wingerter said.

Calzacorta said he enjoys being part of the UI theater program.

"My first year of college, especially, I was attracted to it when I came here and they had a really good theater department," he said. "I just kind of dove right into it."

Johnston said he's always loved theater and movies, but acting was something unknown for him. "Acting - it exercises your body and your mind," he said.

The production team for the play includes costume designer Masako Hojo, set designer Brandon Smith, sound designer Eric Branson, lighting designer Travis Doerzaph and stage manager Marci Noble.

For more information on purchasing and reserving tickets for "Three Days of Rain," call the UI box office at (208) 885-7212. Ticket prices are \$8 for students, \$10 for adults and \$9 for seniors. All show times are at 7:30 p.m. and the play is two hours long and includes an intermission.



Graduate student Eresh Suwal, and seniors Samira Giri, Britt-Marie Lorenzen, Ranjay Shrestha and Sanjeev Giri perform a traditional Nepali song at Taste of Nepal Sunday evening in the SUB.

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over the years, though the crowds remain large.

"People don't seem to hang around quite so much for entertainment as they used to. They usually just eat up, and that's about it," he said.

All ages are invited to attend the crab feed. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children younger than 12. Genesee is located on Highway 95 about 15 miles south of Moscow.

"The best part for me is seeing all the college kids there to have a good time," Bacon said. "There's lots of community involvement."

ARTSBRIEFS

Bade brings funk to John's Alley Thursday night

Ray B's Groove Project will be performing at 9:30 p.m. Thursday at John's Alley. There is no cover charge. Ray B's Groove Project, featuring Rachel Bade on saxophone and vocals, performs in a variety of different jazz-based styles.

Rail-traveling singer/songwriter plays house party

Andru Bermis, a guitarist traveling the United States by rail, will play a house concert at 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at a private dwelling on East Second Street. Bermis will play guitar, fiddle and banjo as well as

sing. In the last three years, he has traveled more than 50,000 miles on trains. He records for Ground Vinyl Records.

WSU seeks musicians for annual Battle of the Bands

The Student Entertainment Board at WSU is seeking bands to compete in April's "Battle of the Bands." All artists need to submit materials to the SEB office by Feb. 25 to be eligible for the competition. A fee of \$40 - \$15 for WSU students - is required. All genres of music will be considered.

Bands will be competing for a chance to open at SpringFest at the end of the semester. Other prizes will also be awarded. Last year's winners opened for

Cypress Hill, MxPx and Vendetta Red. For more information on "Battle of the Bands" contact Sarah Lasky at (509) 335-3503.

Crumb is WSU's honored composer for 2005

University of Oregon professor David Crumb has been dubbed 2005's honored composer at WSU's Festival of Contemporary Art Music.

WSU faculty will perform Crumb's compositions in a public concert at 8 p.m. Saturday in Kimbrough Concert Hall. Student work will also be showcased at the festival.

Crumb was chosen because "his music is always dramatic, intense and

eclectic," said Charles Argersinger, professor of composition at WSU and creator of the festival.

Pullman is alive with 'The Sound of Music' Feb 25

The Pullman Civic Theatre will perform Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music," starting Feb. 25. Five performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. with one matinee at 2.

John Rich directs the play, with vocal direction by Rosemary Waldrop. The choral director is Dale Forrey. All advance tickets are \$10 and are on sale at Dissmore's, Neill's Flowers and Gifts, and the Pullman Safeway. Tickets at the door are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children

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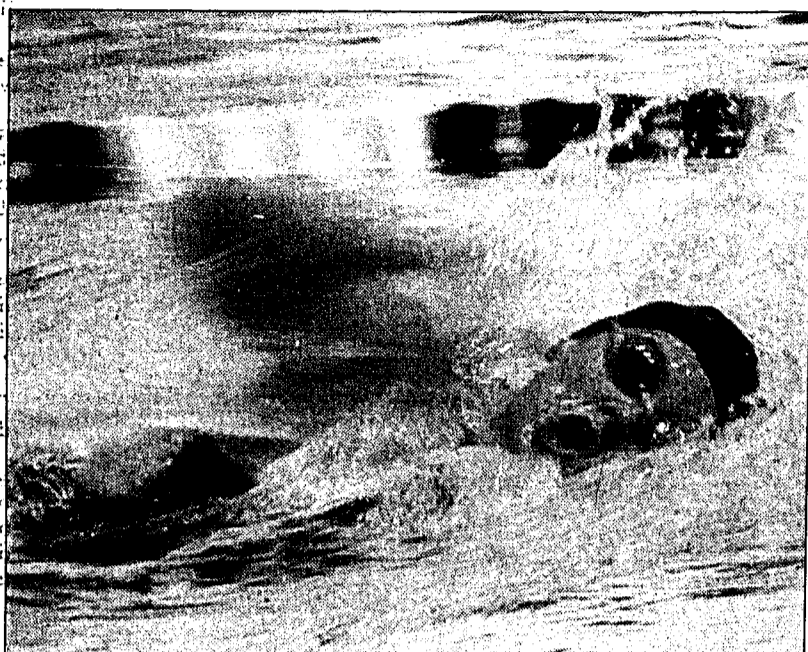
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Swimmers fall to Cougars, prepare for Big West



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Sophomore Jodi Stratton competes against WSU in Saturday's swim meet at the UI Swim Center. The Vandals lost 163-74, but remain optimistic.

BY MACKENZIE STONE
ARGONAUT STAFF

The Idaho women's swim team wrapped up its first regular season since 1985 with a 163-74 loss to Washington State Saturday in the University of Idaho Swim Center.

Despite the loss, the Vandals snatched a few unexpected wins in the shorter races.

"This meet really shows what these girls are up to," Idaho coach Tom Jager said. "We shouldn't have won any event with WSU at this stage in the program, but look how we did."

Freshman Kacie Hogan set the tone for the Vandals in the first race of the meet with a win in the 100-yard backstroke. Her time of 59.93 was just ahead of fellow Vandal Kirsten Wight, who finished second in 1:00.03.

The Cougars retaliated with wins in the 100-yard breaststroke, the 100-yard butterfly, the 1,000-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle. Hogan finished third in the 100 butterfly and Paige Lee placed second in the 1,000 freestyle.

Hogan and Lee were the only top finishers in the Cougars' run.

Idaho junior Bryn Spores got the Vandals back on track by winning the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.77. She also

placed second in the 100-yard freestyle behind WSU's Erin McCleave, who finished in 52.26 seconds.

The Vandals came up with a few more second and third finishes but were unable to beat any more Cougars for first place finishes.

"It's tough to swim on the road, even when you are only eight miles away, but they did what they needed to do to win," Jager said.

WSU sophomore Laurie Gregg won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:11.66, beating Kirsten Wight and Adriana Quirke, who placed second and third.

The Vandals raced in a 200-yard freestyle relay to finish out the meet. Nearly every lane was full with four groups from WSU and three groups from Idaho.

The Cougar A-team finished several body lengths ahead of the top Vandal finishers with a time of 1:37.65. The first group to come in for the Vandals was the A-team with a time of 1:41.08. The group included Spores,

Sara Peterson, Emily Weeks and JoJo Miller. "We hope to make it (WSU) a rivalry. It is our responsibility to get better," Jager said. "In three to four years, it will come down to that final relay between us to decide who will win the meet."

The Vandal swimmers will lose senior Ruth Jensen next season, as she will graduate this spring. It was an emotional day for her to compete in her final collegiate home meet on Saturday. She was a dedicated and friendly teammate who always arrived to practice early and motivated the other swimmers, Spores said.

"Her leadership in the pool and campus has been important to the guidance of the freshmen adjusting," Jager said. "The girls that she led will lead the new girls like she did."

Jensen will lead the Vandal swimmers into their next and final competition at the Big West Conference Championships in Long Beach, Calif., Feb. 23-26.

Going into the meet, Spores said the women will "take it easy but keep their routines" to prepare for the championships.

"We want to represent Idaho with class," Jager said. "As a young team, we are counting on our freshman to do well, unlike other teams who can count on their upperclassmen."

Vandals grab 20 first-place indoor finishes

Kurrat qualifies for NCAA championships

BY JASON LEIBLER
ARGONAUT STAFF

The Idaho track and field teams made an impressive showing at the McDonald's Collegiate Meet at the Kibbie Dome on Friday and Saturday, coming away with 20 first-place finishes and an automatic qualifier for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

"The athletes performed very well in just about every event," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "So I was happy with the way things went. ... You can look at every event and see basically someone who performed very well for us. It was nice being back at home."

On day one of the two-day event, Manuela Kurrat qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in the pentathlon. She recorded personal bests in all five events of the pentathlon, and her winning point total of 4,061 is second in the nation to Miami University's Amber Williams' total of 4,088 points.

"To come in and establish five lifetime PR's in one day and record the sec-

ond best pentathlon mark in the nation is amazing," Idaho coach Yogi Teevens said. "We're excited because she still has room to grow. We're going to focus on her weaker events, and the next pentathlon she will compete in is at the WAC (Western Athletic Conference) championships."

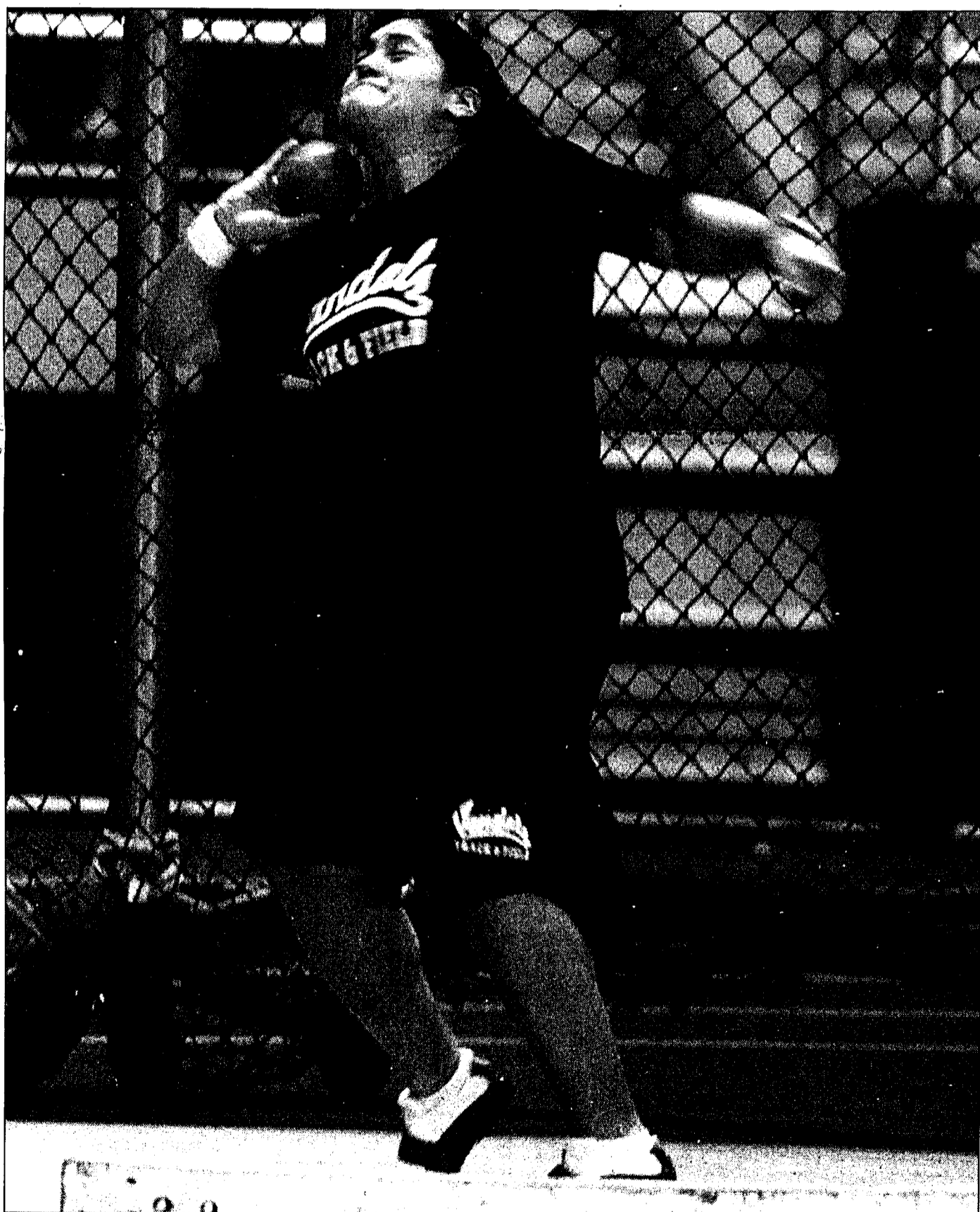
Making news on the second day were Melinda Owen, who set a school and personal record of 3.8 meters in the pole vault, and Jennifer Broncheau, who set a personal best in the weight throw with a throw of 15.87 meters.

"It was really exciting, because all these guys (my teammates) were there," Owen said. "They were all there, so I was pumped up. I've been having a really good week this week, and my coach has been awesome. Working with him, I've learned a lot this year, and I've progressed incredibly."

"We expected that we'd be pretty good," Teevens said, "and we are pretty good. By the time we get to the championships, we should be in the top three in the WAC - that's what we're shooting for."

The Vandals used this event to gear up for the Holiday Inn Team Invite at Boise on Saturday.

"It was great, great competition," Phipps said. "It was nice getting this one in. There were some very good performances, but I think this really sets us up. It gives us a lot of confidence when we go to two really big meets at Boise State University and University of Washington next weekend."



KENTARO MURAI / ARGONAUT

Junior Jennifer Broncheau throws the shot at the McDonald's Collegiate Meet in the Kibbie Dome on Saturday.



KIANNA HAIL / ARGONAUT

Leilani Mitchell (No. 3) defends during Saturday's game at Cowan Spectrum.

Four Vandals reach double figures in victory

BY SHAWN CAFFERTY
ARGONAUT STAFF

Idaho had four of five starters finish in double figures as the Vandals defeated Cal Poly 81-70 Saturday night in the Cowan Spectrum.

With the win, Idaho (14-6, 9-2) maintains its first-place tie in the Big West Conference with UC Santa Barbara, which defeated Utah State 67-59.

Emily Faurholt finished the night as the game's high-scorer, tallying 26 points, four assists and four rebounds.

Right behind her were senior Heather Thoeke and freshman Jessica Summers, who both had 17. Thoeke finished the night shooting 6 of 11 from the floor and 3 of 5 from 3-point range. She also grabbed eight rebound and three steals.

Summers had an impressive game for the Vandals, recording a double-double as she grabbed 10 rebounds to go with her 17 points.

"Jessica (Summers) did exactly what we

asked her to do," Faurholt said. "We went into the halftime and told Jessica, 'We really need you to do these things,' and she went out there and did exactly what we asked."

The game started out fast-paced as both teams were hitting shots and running up the point totals. The entire first half was a possession-to-possession game with neither team getting ahead of the other. Late in the first half, Idaho pulled away from Cal Poly slightly, leading by nine points with 5:39 to go. But the Mustangs came back and closed the gap with a 9-3 point run to end the half. Cal Poly went into the half down three points at 42-39.

The second half began rough for Idaho as

it allowed Cal Poly to go on an opening 5-0 run to take the lead before Thoeke hit a three to regain the lead.

"I thought Heather stepped up and played with a lot of confidence tonight," Idaho coach Mike Divilbiss said. "When she is doing that for us we go to another level."

From there, Idaho would share the lead twice more but never give it up, staying ahead of the Mustangs for the remainder of the game. It remained close until the four-minute mark, when the Vandals showed their winning mentality as they started to put some distance between themselves and Cal Poly.

"I think we switched up on them a lot," Thoeke said about the Vandals' defense. "We changed defenses and that threw them off. We did a good job of packing it in and slowing down their tempo, which helped out a ton."

The Vandals now hit the road after closing up a four-game homestead. They will take on Pacific Thursday and Cal State Northridge on Saturday.



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SPORTSBRIEFS

Vandals win on the road

The Idaho men's basketball team won on the road for the second time this season and for the first time at a Big West rival since Feb. 28, 2004.

Saturday night's 75-63 victory over Cal Poly was the result of a precisely played and soundly executed second half in strong contrast to the first half, after which the Vandals trailed by five.

The Vandals remain alone in fifth in the Big West at 8-14 overall and 6-5 in conference. Cal Poly dropped to 4-16 and 2-10 - ninth in the Big West.

All the things the Vandals didn't do in the first half, they did in the second half. Shots fell. Free throws snapped through the net with accuracy - 11 of 14 in the final two minutes for the team ranked last in the league from the line. Rebounds were ripped down with abandon. And they took great care with the basketball.

"We wanted to jump out on this team immediately," said senior forward Anton Lyons of the Vandals' aggressive start to the second half.

The Vandals went through the lineup in launching the strong second-half start. Lyons, who finished with 22 points and eight rebounds, scored the first four points of the half before Armen Kahrmanovic gave Idaho the lead for good after converting a steal into a layup for the 32-31 advantage with 18:44 to play.

The surge continued with Lyons, Tanoris Shepard, Lionel Davis and Dillon Higdon all contributing to a 22-6 run to give the Vandals command of the game. Cal Poly did mount a late run but the Mustangs could get no closer than 11.

"Our kids just stuck with it," said coach Leonard Perry. "They didn't panic."

Shepard added 21 points to Lyons' team-leading effort. On the glass, the leader was 6-foot-8-inch Lionel Davis, who pulled down 11 rebounds, which included five offensive boards.

The Vandals return to the Cowan Spectrum when they play Big West leader Pacific on Thursday and No. 2 Cal State Northridge on Saturday.

Whyte finishes fourth at Millrose Games

Former Idaho track sensation and current assistant coach Angela Whyte placed fourth in the 60-meter hurdles Friday evening at the 2005 Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden. Whyte finished the race in 8.11 seconds.

The Millrose Games are regarded as the nation's greatest indoor track meet and have been held annually since 1914. The Millrose Games are part of the presti-

gious USA Track and Field "Golden Spike Tour."

Morton, Bouffler earn tennis Athlete of the Week honors

UC Irvine's Brian Morton and Long Beach State's Nicole Bouffler were selected Big West Men's and Women's Tennis Athlete of the Week for the week of Jan. 24 following stellar singles and doubles performances.

Morton went a combined 4-0 at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles against No. 69 Brigham Young and Santa Clara. Despite UCI's 5-2 team loss against the Cougars on Jan. 27, the junior defeated No. 82 Jeff Das 6-3, 7-6 (5). He then teamed with Rye Kashiwabara to knock off Jose Lechuga and Nima Roshan 8-6.

In a 5-2 team victory over the Broncos on Jan. 30, Morton stormed back from a one-set deficit to topple Taylor Bedillon by a score 2-6, 6-4, 6-2. He and Kashiwabara then cruised to an 8-3 decision over Bedillon and Jan Macek in doubles action.

Bouffler dominated for Long Beach State at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles as the 49ers breezed to a 7-0 victory over Northern Arizona on Jan. 29. She lost just two games total in singles and doubles. The senior defeated Julie Schmandt 6-1, 6-0 in singles, then partnered with Sandra Rocha to win an easy 8-1 matchup against Ashley Dille and Susan McClelland. Bouffler is ranked No. 113 in the nation.

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Kurrat earns WAC indoor track and field honor

Idaho multi-event athlete Manuela Kurrat was named the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week for her performance at the McDonald's Collegiate Meet Friday.

Kurrat, a senior from Halle, Germany, won the pentathlon with an NCAA automatic qualifying mark of 4,061 points. Her point total is currently the second best mark in the country, the best mark in the WAC and an Idaho school record. Kurrat set personal bests in each of the five events.

The Vandal indoor track and field teams have been invited to join the WAC one year early. Idaho and Utah State will both be competing in the WAC for indoors and the Big West for outdoors this season.

Stoneman creates scholarship endowment for PE majors

Bill Stoneman, University of Idaho alumnus, former major league baseball pitcher, and current vice president and general manager of Angels Baseball, is laying the foundation for a \$75,000 scholarship endowment for physical education majors at UI.

Stoneman and his wife, Diane, have contributed \$25,000 to the endowment and have agreed to match up to another \$25,000. Students in the Physical Education, Sport Science, Health and Athletic Training Club (PESSHA) have launched a campaign to raise funds to be matched.

"The university has played a huge part in everything in my life that followed graduation. I hope that other Vandal alumni feel the same way about the university and will join me in giving something back," Stoneman said.

UI education Dean Jeanne Christiansen said the Stonemans' gift accomplishes two things. "This gift provides yet another tool for attracting and retaining physical education majors at the University of Idaho," she said. "It also gives our current students an opportunity to make a difference for their fellow students and the department."

Stoneman earned a physical education degree from UI in 1966. While attending school, he pitched for the Vandal baseball team and was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Stoneman began his professional baseball career in 1966, joining the Chicago Cubs farm system. He played with the Cubs' minor league team in Caldwell. He played in the major leagues with the Chicago Cubs, Montreal Expos and the California Angels. He pitched two no-hitters during his major league career and played on the 1972 National League All-Star team. Stoneman was inducted into the Expos Hall of Fame and still holds their record for most complete games and shutouts in a single season. He is now in his sixth season as vice president and general manager of Angels Baseball. The Angels won the World Series in 2002.

In 1998, Stoneman was inducted into the UI Alumni Hall of Fame. He and Diane now live in Orange, Calif., and have two children, Jill and Jeff. Jill Stoneman-Piexe, earned her bachelor's degree in architecture in 1995 from UI.

Irvin's omission from Hall of Fame has smell of conspiracy

BY GIL LEBRETON
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) - Was it something, maybe, that Michael Irvin said?

Was it the fur coat and sunglasses that he wore to court? Was it that haircut - and 2-inch gash - he gave to teammate Everett McIver in Wichita Falls?

Or was it just spite or petty politics that kept the latest worthy Cowboy from the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday?

I'm guessing it was trap door No. 3, because I'm all out of logical explanations.

The most prolific, most successful wide receiver in Cowboys' history was denied his rightful reward Saturday. And a former teammate probably summed it up best.

"I think it's bull—," said James Washington, the ex-Cowboys safety who now works for Fox Sports Radio.

"I think it's bull—, and you can write that." We get the picture. But do the Hall of Fame voters?

The process is an elaborate one. Nominees must be voted upon to advance to a field of 15 finalists, then to 10 even-more-final finalists, followed by another vote that pares the field to six. At that point, a final "yea or nay" vote determines who gets in.

It means that at least eight of the 39 Hall of Fame selectors Saturday didn't want Irvin.

Some voters say that after all those votes and all the previous weeding out, they routinely vote yes for all six final candidates. Obviously, there are some voters who don't.

And therein lies the problem with the pettily flawed Pro Football Hall of Fame selection process. The 39 selectors have been granted the privilege of bestowing pro football's highest honor.

Some of them, however, plainly see their mis-

sion as keeping people out.

But why Irvin? Why the Cowboys? Of the 12 final candidates over the past two years, only four have been denied election into the Hall of Fame. Three are former Cowboys.

Something is prompting a handful of selectors to purposefully omit Cowboys on their final ballots. It almost sounds like a conspiracy.

"Until the last two years, I thought the 'Cowboy conspiracy' theory was like the 'X-Files,' an aberration," said selector and veteran pro football writer John McClain of the "Houston Chronicle". "But now there must be extra terrestrials, because as much as I hate to admit it, how can any Cowboys fan believe differently?"

One conspiracy theory making the rounds Saturday was that a Washington contingent organized the vote against Irvin, because the Redskins' favorite-son candidate, receiver Art Monk, didn't make the six-man finals. No Monk, no Irvin, in other words.

I just don't believe that. There are two selectors from "The Washington Post", Len Shapiro and Michael Wilbon. The latter is also a colleague of Irvin at ESPN. Shapiro said he gladly voted for Michael.

Washington, who was nicknamed "Drive By" when he played with Irvin from 1990-1994, said the Monk-Irvin argument isn't even valid.

"You're talking about a guy who changed the way you play the game, a guy who changed the way that teams drafted cornerbacks," Washington said, taking a break from his radio duties. "You'd double-cover Michael, and he'd still be making plays."

"We didn't double Art Monk."

OK, Washington is a little biased. Irvin's credentials are still rock-solid. Of the 17 wide receivers already in the Hall of Fame, only two had more receptions than Irvin's 750. Only three gained more yards.

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Report: Canseco's book offers names of steroid users

BY MICHAEL O'KEEFFE
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

(KRT) — You've never seen Jose Canseco like this: huddled in a bathroom stall at the Oakland Coliseum, jabbing a hypodermic needle into Mark McGwire's bare behind.

Or McGwire and a young Jason Giambi heading into the men's room to inject each other with the anabolic steroids that would turn them from lanky lads into muscle-bound behemoths.

Bad boy Canseco alleges those and other mind-bending scenes in a soon-to-be released tome that is already shaking the world of baseball.

In "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits and How Baseball Got Big," Canseco claims he personally injected some of the biggest names in baseball — including All-Stars Rafael Palmeiro, Juan Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez, among others — with performance-enhancing drugs.

But if the book is a confessional, Canseco isn't seeking redemption. "Juiced" is a love letter to the clear liquids that turned him from struggling skinny prospect to one of the biggest names in the game.

The implausibly buff slugger admitted to doping several years ago, but in the book he claims he was almost solely responsible for spreading steroids throughout the game in the 1990s. The book, which is still being edited, is scheduled for release Feb. 21.

Canseco, who played for seven big league teams in a 17-year career — including a brief stint with the Yankees in 2000 — expresses no regrets in the book. In fact, he predicts steroids and human growth hormone will eventually be decriminalized and help people lead longer, healthier and sexier lives.

Giambi's agent, Arn Tellem, questioned Canseco's credibility.

"This book, which attacks baseball and many of its players, was written to make a quick buck by a guy desperate for attention, who has appeared on more police blotters than line-up cards in recent years, has no runs, no hits and is all errors," Tellem told the New York Daily News.

Baseball insiders have known for months that Canseco was working on the tell-all book, which is published by Regan Books.

Among his many bombshells, Canseco claims:

- McGwire introduced Giambi to

performance-enhancing drugs and the three of them used to shoot steroids together, Canseco says players on the A's talked openly about injecting in the bathroom stalls, and the clubhouse was an abuser's paradise.

- During the great home run race of 1998, a reporter's accidental discovery of androstenedione in McGwire's locker, may not have been an accident. Canseco says he believes McGwire put the bottle of the steroid "pre-cursor" in his locker so it would be found, thus creating a smoke-screen for his extensive use of illegal steroids. Andro, recently criminalized, was legal at the time.

- Some Major League Baseball owners welcomed or condoned steroid use because they believed a power surge would bring back fans after the disastrous 1994-95 work stoppage.

- The Players Association condoned steroid use because a home run barrage would mean bigger salaries for members and union leaders.

- President Bush, who was the Rangers' general managing partner in the early '90s, must have known that some of his players were using steroids but chose not to address the issue. White House spokesman Ken Lisaius declined to comment on Canseco's book, but noted that Bush had urged players, coaches and owners to work together to rid sports of steroids during the 2004 State of the Union address.

- Both baseball and the media routinely vilified black and Latin players who misbehaved while they shielded white stars — especially McGwire — who engaged in similar conduct.

- Canseco had sex with hundreds of women — most players, he says, cheat on their wives — but clears the air about his most famous relationship: Canseco says he never had sex with Madonna, although he did spend a night making out with the Material Girl in her Manhattan apartment.

- Steroids played no role in the injuries that plagued Canseco's career and that he would not have even become a big-league player if it weren't for performance-enhancing drugs.

Reaction was swift from the accused. McGwire, Canseco's biggest target who has long denied steroid use, said in a statement: "I have always told the truth and I am saddened that I continue to face this line of questioning. With regard to this

book, I am reserving comment until I have the chance to review its contents myself."

White House spokesman Lisaius noted that President Bush is an outspoken critic of steroid use. "The president's position on steroids has been clear for some time," Lisaius said.

Canseco told Sports Illustrated in 2002 that he suspected 80 percent of players were using steroids, a figure widely dismissed within the game. In 2003, an anonymous survey, introduced as the first step in baseball's first anti-steroids program, found that 5 percent to 7 percent of player tests were positive.

In "Juiced," however, Canseco sticks to the 80 percent estimate, a figure that critics will be sure to attack.

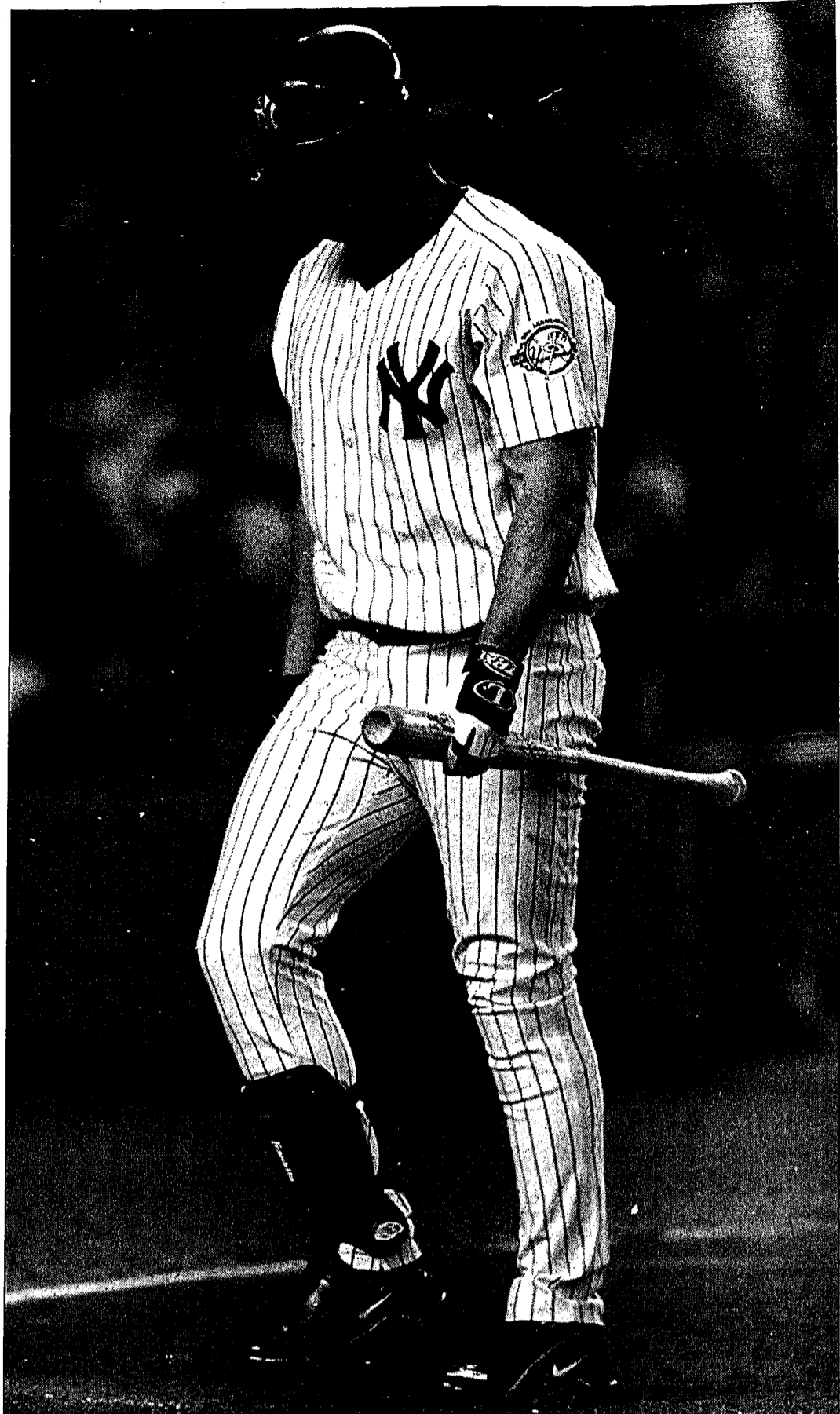
Canseco's bombshell comes just as Major League Baseball, hoping to move past the BALCO steroid-trafficking investigation, prepares to put a new, tougher anti-steroid policy in place.

MLB and the Players Association initiated discussions on a stricter program last March, after U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) threatened congressional intervention at a Senate hearing on steroids. But the discussions didn't gain momentum until the San Francisco Chronicle reported in December that Giambi and Barry Bonds had admitted steroid use to the grand jury investigating the BALCO scandal. Now, instead of moving forward, MLB officials figure to spend much of spring training responding to the charges in Canseco's book.

MLB and union reps declined to comment on Canseco's charges, but one baseball official privately dismissed the book, which contains many other revelations about players' lives and Canseco's own, as "nonsense."

No owner, the baseball official said on condition of anonymity, ever encouraged a player to take illegal drugs to improve performance. Commissioner Bud Selig, the source added, pushed the union to agree to drug testing for several years before the first anti-steroid policy was approved in 2002.

Canseco claims he began counseling Rodriguez, Palmeiro and Gonzalez on steroid use in 1992, after he was traded by the A's to Texas. He says he eventually injected his three teammates with the illegal substances.



The Yankees' Jason Giambi walks to the dugout in the second inning of game seven of the ALCS on Oct 16, 2003. Giambi is one of several players Jose Canseco alleges used steroids in his forthcoming book.

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